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Business Is Good

And Growing Better

Thank You

Bank of Elgin

W. W. Brunsdick,
President

A. L. Roberts,
Cashier

On The Elgin Routes.

Julius Golden of route 2 is the owner of a new auto.

H. V. Walling of route 3 left Thursday on a trip to northwestern Iowa.

Some bridges on the far end of route 2 in Zella township are in bad condition and should be repaired at once.

Bradley Elliott of route 2 is working at Mollinville, Kan.

H. E. Cline of route 2 had 50 acres of wheat that averaged 15 bushels per acre and G. K. Morgan of the same route had a piece of oats that averaged 71 bushels per acre.

Substitute Creamer is carrying the mail on route 3 this week during the absence of Garner Cost.

Mrs. J. T. McChaw of route A has been under the doctor's care during the past week.

Waldo Wettengel is carrying the mail on route 2 during the absence of Carrier Lanley.

J. F. King and wife of route 2 left this morning on a month's trip, fishing, camping and visiting relatives through Kansas, Missouri and Illinois.

J. C. English and family of the star route spent the 4th of July at Frederick, visiting the family of his brother-in-law, R. H. Wessel.

Neither Teams Played.

Through some misunderstanding, the Elgin team did not play the Lawton business college Saturday. The manager of that team said he understood that the Elgin players were to let them know if they could come and the Elgin team took it for granted that all preliminaries had been settled until it was too late for the Lawton manager to get his players together. So the team will go to Lawton next Saturday instead.

The Fletcher junior team failed to come as agreed, saying they could get only one car to bring them. So the Elgin boys had nothing left to do but to suck their thumbs for consolation.

IT DOES RAIN

But we are still here at the same old stand, selling the best of groceries, shoes, dry goods, summer underwear and fancy goods at prices as reasonable as can be found anywhere.

ELGIN MER. CO.

REMEMBER WE CARRY STAR BRAND SHOES

Visits Old Friends.

Prof. W. E. G. Humphries of Fordrean, S. D., came in Saturday night and visited among his old friends and acquaintances until Tuesday, when he went to Lawton and the last of this week he will go on to Waco, Texas, to visit his daughters, Misses Vera and Christine, who are attending Baylor university.

He left home over two weeks ago and has been making stops and visits along the way. He reports the crops in Comanche county better than any he saw anywhere on his trip. He says that in his home state they had a very late spring and that some of the corn had just come up before he left.

He left Oklahoma two years ago last January so has become fully acclimated to the northern climate, but says he still likes the warm weather in preference to the long, cold winters of six and seven months in Dakota and last winter the temperature there went down at times to 39 below zero.

He says he notices some changes in the people here and quite a change in the business part of town, which he thinks should have been made long before it was.

In speaking of the climatic changes he stated that if every farm had a large pond or reservoir of water on it to produce evaporation he believed the dry seasons in Oklahoma to be a thing of the past. He was well pleased with the improvements made in this locality and the crop prospects.

The Glorious Fourth.

Another 4th of July has come and gone though some of us who remained at home and attended to the routine business of life, hardly realize that we have had a Fourth. Elgin was very quiet all day and the writer did not even hear a lonely firecracker.

Automobiles were dodging hither and thither early and late and as there was practically no celebration of any importance anywhere near most of the people of this community spent the day auto riding to Medicine Park, Ft. Sill, Lawton, and Mineral Wells, though they admit that there was nothing more to be seen than on any other day.

The most attractive place seemed to be Ft. Sill where the actions and maneuvers of the soldier boys created much interest. Some of the boys from here who saw how the soldiers were being embraced by the girls became envious of them, and it created a strong desire in them to join the army.

Some others with teams and autos drove out to Cache creek and spent the day fishing, bathing and picnicking in general. There were so many going in different directions and to different places that it would be impossible to tell where all of them did go.

Working Full Force.

Section foreman, J. C. Byrd, has received word that he is allowed 15 men on the section at this time. With this number he will be able to put the track in good shape.

ELGIN GARAGE

GENERAL AUTO REPAIR WORK

Complete line of automobile accessories.
GOODRICH CASINGS IN STOCK.

John H. Hansen, Proprietor

A Man For His Country.

How dare we as American citizens refuse to hold up our flag and not to see it drag or be trodden down. Every true American ought to be or have enough of a patriotic ideal about him to be ready to hold up our country and our home.

Yes, some may say that I am a traitor; yes, it is true I am a traitor in our land today. But, a God of high heaven knows that I as a citizen of the great old nation of America, am willing to leave the dearest ones of my life in your hands and to go to help defend our country and our home. Will you as neighbors and friends help me and see to them and their wives while I am gone? And if I never return remember the man who died for our country and our dear old American flag. I love you all and our country, but the love of my family—it can't be told.

But while we were yet in sin in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Would you die for your country? Yes, I know there are some that would even dare to die. Your friend and neighbor.

Rev. J. R. Bozeman,
Elgin, Okla., June 29, 1916.

Methodist Church.

Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
Prayer meeting every Thursday night.
Ladies' Aid meets every Sunday night.
Ladies' Aid meets every two weeks on Thursday afternoon.
Choir practice every Friday night.

Visiting Old Home.

Rev. L. H. Shockley of Letitia, who is well acquainted here, left the last of June for a short visit at his old home in Missouri. He expects to return in time for the dedication of the new Baptist church at Letitia next Sunday and on next Sunday night he and Rev. Chandler of Marietta will begin a revival meeting at the Denton church.

Did Some Trading.

Saturday Jerry Mitchell, the star route carrier, traded a mule and some cash to E. W. Golden for a team of bay Humbersteins which are some steppers. Jerry says this is the kind of team he has been wanting for some time and seems as proud of them as a little boy over his first pair of red top boots.

Advertised List.

The following list of letters remain undelivered in the Elgin, Okla., postoffice July 1, 1916.
Bolman, Mrs. May (card)
Woods, Richard
In calling for the above please say, "Advertised."

H. P. WETTENGEL,
Postmaster.

I will take your subscription to any paper or magazine published, at regular subscription prices and send them in without any extra expense.
N. P. Wettengel.

Are You Ready?

You may not be able to go to Mexico with us, but you can buy what you will need while we are gone, before we start. You will need groceries by the case during threshing season; we have them cheaper, also dry goods, overalls and work shirts at the old price; then we have sport shirts at different prices; our shoes are cheaper. Don't forget the trading stamps.

Yours anxious to please,

The Old Reliable

L. C. COFFIN, PROPRIETOR

P. S. Don't forget to come in before we go. You may want to give an order for a Peon scalp.

Cash Prizes For Counties.

One of the valuable features of the "True fair bill" passed by the last regular session of the legislature, is the provision for assembling and transporting to the state fair, a comprehensive display of the agricultural products of the various counties of Oklahoma.

This department forged ahead, in number of exhibits last year as never before. Thirty odd counties competed in Agricultural Hall for the \$1,500.00 offered in prizes, divided \$300.00 to first, \$150.00 to second, and on down to \$45.00 for fifteenth. In addition to first prize, winner wins a silver trophy, which is competed for each year.

Probably the greatest advantage of this department to the people of the state is the display of the various counties. No better opportunity is afforded for the prospective home-seeker to judge the relative value, agriculturally, of each county than here. It is always one of the centers of attraction at this event each year.

The state fair will be held September 28 to 30.

Harmony Points.

[Too late for last week.]

Had a nice rain Sunday morning. Crops look better after the rain.

Mrs. J. A. Whaley, Mrs. F. R. Kitzmiller and Mrs. W. E. Finley went to Lawton on business one day last week.

Mrs. Marie Skacel and her son Johnie went to Lawton on business last Monday.

Hazel Rhodes went to Cyril Sunday.

Alice Conard spent Sunday evening with Augusta and Anna Skacel.

F. R. Kitzmiller and family, Harry King and family, spent Sunday at the home of W. E. Finley.

Farmers got their oats and wheat cut ready to stack; it will be threshing soon.

It won't be long until school will start again, just two more months. Ethel Harney will teach at the Harmony school this year again, Dist. 15. Glad to hear it, because she is a good teacher.

There was a bunch of boys went fishing Saturday evening and stayed over night; they said it never rained there but it just opened up and poured down.

Ada Harrel is on the sick list this week.

There was no Sunday school Sunday on account of the rain.

Joe Matlock and family spent Sunday at the home of his father.

Mel Cornwell, wife and his father spent Sunday evening with T. F. Harney.

Two or three more good rains like we had Sunday morning and will sure make a good corn crop this year.

HARVEST TIME

Will soon be over, and you will begin figuring on that new house, or barn, or granary that you are going to build.

We have in stock a full line of building lumber which is suitable for building anything you wish.

Orange and Sumac Cane Seed,
75c per bushel.

Cow Peas - 21-2c lb.

D. E. McAnaw